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SUBJECT: PROBLEMS OF AMERICAN SUBSIDIARIES IN NAPLES:GEN. INSTR.CO.

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1. A SUCCESSFUL RESOLUTION OF THE NINE-MONTH LABOR/MANAGEMENT IMBROGLIO AT GENERAL INSTRUMENT CORP. HAS APPARENTLY BEEN ACHIEVED. GI MANAGING DIRECTOR MARCELLO CORRADETTI INFORMED ECONOMIC OFFICER THAT ON NOVEMBER 6 UNDERSECRETARY FOR THE MEZZOGIORNO FRANCESCO COMPAGNA PRESENTED TO HIM A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN WHICH HAD ALREADY BEEN APPROVED BY THE UNIONS: OF THE 314 WORKERS FIRED, 145 WOULD BE IMMEDIATELY EMPLOYED IN A GOI-CONTROLLED FIRM. THE GOVERNMENT WOULD FIND WORK FOR ANOTHER 135 WITHIN SIX MONTHS - DURING THAT TIME GI WOULD PAY THESE WORKERS ONLY THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN REGULAR

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (66 OF SALARY) AND WHAT THEY WOULD HAVE RECEIVED ON CASSA INTEGRAZIONE COMPENSATION (80). OF THE REMAINING 34, 33 HAVE ALREADY FOUND WORK AND ONE HAS DIED. CORRADETTI THINKS THE PLAN REASONABLE AND WILL TRAVEL TO NEW YORK WEEK OF NOVEMBER 10 TO PRESENT IT TO GI BOARD.

2. COMMENT. THIS SOLUTION APPEARS TO BE A VICTORY FOR GENERAL INSTRUMENT'S UNWAVERING HARD-LINE APPROACH AND IS PROBABLY A LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REFLECTION OF GROWING REALISM (AND SOME FEAR) ON THE PART OF THE

UNIONS AND THE GOI VIS-A-VIS THE CONDITION OF THE ITALIAN ECONOMY.
UNTIL RECENTLY THE UNIONS HAD BEEN DEMANDING, AND THE GOVERNMENT
HAD SUPPORTED, IMPOSITION OF CASSA INTEGRAZIONE RETROACTIVE TO THE
BEGINNING OF PLANT OCCUPATION IN FEBRUARY, CONTINUING UNTIL ALL
THE FIRED WORKERS HAD FOUND JOBS, A PERIOD OF PERHAPS FIFTEEN
ADDITIONAL MONTHS. THIS GI REJECTED. THAT FIRMNESS HAS PROVEN
WELL FOUNDED. COLANTONIO

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